

New Piano Repairing Machinery arrived for W. Robinson and Company.

Mr. Hon. le Poer Trench, the British Minister at Tokio, is seriously ill.

It is believed that the Emperor of China is preparing to remove his Court to Sian, where Imperial quarters and a forbidden city are all in readiness.

Mr. 'leading Chinese' at Hongkong complain that they do not get recognition of any services they render to the Government.

But neither do 'leading Europeans'! says the *Straits Times*.

Mrs. Ramego, well-known in Yokohama, has instituted a breach of promise action against a San Francisco physician, Victor L. Stearns, claiming \$10,000 damages.

Plaintiff is possessed of ample means, but is in dead earnest about having revenge upon the man who has trifled with her affections.

The Presentation of Colours to the Hongkong Regiment will be made by Mrs. Barker, in the presence of H. E. the Governor, on the Cricket Ground on Saturday next, 13th

by a line of sentries, a space on the South side of the Ground being reserved for Government Officials, Officers in Uniform and their friends.

SHORTLY after noon to-day fire broke out in a rattle shop in Queen's Road West, beside the Government Civil Hospital. The Fire Brigade turned out promptly under Mr B. E. Wedehouse, and the fire was confined to the two upper floors which were wholly destroyed. Considerable damage was done to the stock in the ground floor. It is a singular fact that the proprietor of the shop had the misfortune to be burned out of another shop about two months ago.

FINALLY, says the *Hippo News* in an edi-

marked resemblance to the Bahamas. In so, it may be a true forecast that they are bound some day to become a sanitarium for those suffering from pulmonary complaints. Their tranquil climate, cleanliness, freedom from fog and damp, hygienic surroundings, and restful quiet will make them in years to come a popular resort for the invalids of Hongkong and the more tropical cities of the Far East. This is predicting a time that seems a long way off at present. It is as a war-station not fit for sanitarium that they occupy our thoughts at present. What will be done with them in the negotiations remains to be seen.

Carr. Hastings heard evidence at the Magistrate's court to-day in the charge of mutiny and attempted murder at Hilo Harbor, brought against four seamen belonging to the Nova Scotian barque *Luzitania*. It transpired that three of the mutineers had shipped at Newcastle (N.S.W.) and returned to Cardiff. During the voyage from Newcastle to Manila and Hilo the men had never been allowed ashore and this appears to have given rise to ill-feeling. Cent. McCulloch stated

that neither the Consul nor the Captain of the Port would allow the men ashore at Iloilo. There had previously been trouble with the man Patrick Kelly, who was shot by the Captain in self defense. The captain was badly out on the forehead and was subjected to rough usage at the hands of the mutineers. It was stated during the progress of the case that British Consul at Manila, unwavering support of the Merchant Shipping Consolidation Act which came into force this year, conducted the official enquiry under repeated Act of 1864, and Captain Hasted said he would be obliged to exclude evidence then taken from the exhibit in the case. Mr. E. C. Ellis, who is con-

...the point at that stage as to the
missibility of the evidence, but he
opinion that the evidence was valid.
case is likely to go up to the Criminal
sessions.

SOMEWHAT late in the day a section of
the Chinese community has been led to
with a bemuddled eye on the sufferings
those who are now fighting the cruel
battles. Of any movement in the direction
of sending aid to the sick and wound
the war it may be said "better late
never." A notice in Chinese, reminding
members of native Protestant Christian
communities in the colony that the
Cross or Geneva Convention Societies
have established in connection with the

sion at Shanghai and Chefoo, has just
 named. Canton, we learn from the
 following the example of the mor-
 portus and has formed a Red Cross Soci-
 conneation with the various missions in
 provincial city. The proposal is that
 port should likewise do its part in the
 of healing and nursing. To-morrow, af-
 usual Good Friday Service in the Cl-
 London Mission Church, an endeavor
 be made to organize a 'Red Cross' S-
 for Hongkong. We note that the in-
 tion to attend for the purpose of dis-
 the whole question of sending aid to
 sink and wounded is drawn up. In the
 of representatives of missionaries and pres-
 foreign and Chinese. The intention
 learn, is to appeal to foreign and C-
 Churches. The Rev. E. F. F. Got-
 of the Berlin Fellowship House, and
 Thomson; of the Allot Memorial Hos-
 will be glad to receive and forward
 ordinations in the name of the Society
 for the objects specified.
 W. ROBINSON and Company for the
 Piano Tuning and Repairing.

FIELD-MARSHAL Sir Peter Grant is dead.
He was in his 91st year.

The *Empress of Japan* arrived at Vancouver on Wednesday, the 10th inst., at 6.30 a.m.

The only alteration in the Share Quotations today is: Hongkong, Canton and Macao, Steamboats, \$314, buyers.

The *Silk* ex N. P. a. Tacoma, which left Yokohama on 12th March, and which arrived at Tacoma on the 27th March, arrived in New York on the 6th inst.

Vessels in the Dock.—At Kowloon: Quirco, Iron, Spanish cruiser Reina Cristina, Sanquing, H.I.G.M.S. Wolf. Cosmoquitan—Ancona, Changsha. Aberdeen—Chelydra.

A service, with holy communion, will be held to-morrow (Good Friday), at 11 a.m., by Pastor Heim, of H. I. G. M. cruiser Arizona, at the Chapel of the Berlin Foundling House.

The Post office will be closed on Easter Monday as well as Good Friday except from 8 to 4 a.m. Correspondence for the Post and Kowloon may be posted up to 9 a.m. The night box will be kept open. The Money Order Office will be closed entirely on both days.

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Legislative Council met this afternoon. H. E. Sir William Robinson presided. There were also present: Hon. J. H. Stewart Lockhart, Colonial Secretary; Hon. A. G. Wise, Acting Attorney-General; Hon. A. M. Thomson, Acting Colonial Treasurer; Hon. R. M. Ramsey, Harbour Master; Hon. C. P. Chay, Hon. J. J. Kewick, Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, Hon. E. B. Balliol, Hon. A. McConachie, and Mr. A. Seth, Clerk of Councils.

MINUTES.

The minutes were read and approved of.

The Colonial Secretary laid on the table 'The Harbour Master's Report for 1894,' a Medical Report on the epidemic of Bubonic Plague in 1894 by Dr. Lawson, and the Registrar General's Report for 1894.

AT THE REQUEST OF A MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

In moving the first reading of a bill entitled 'An Ordinance to confer certain powers on the authorities of the Medical Officer of Health,' Mr. Wise (Acting Attorney-General) said it was proposed to appoint a Medical Officer of Health as a Member of the Sanitary Board. He would have powers of entry to any premises, and would be able to take possession of any premises, and would be able to take possession of any premises, and would be able to take possession of any premises.

The Harbour Master—\$3000 a year. Mr. McConachie—\$250,000. It would mean a serious loss of time to go to the Police Station every time a permit was required.

The Acting Attorney General pointed out that the difficulty, even if the Harbour Master had to grant the permit, was that he would have to send a duplicate to the Police Station. The other hand, the Police Station urged by Mr. McConachie was insubstantial.

The Harbour Master pointed out how it would be possible, under Mr. McConachie's proposal, for hundreds of stands of arms to be circulated throughout the Colony before the Police could get to the other end, and that was more important than the loss of a few minutes on the part of the doctor. He said he would like to hear what Mr. Kewick had to say.

Mr. Kewick refused to give his support to the amendment, while he thought Mr. McConachie should be prepared to allow the proposal to pass. At the same time, he hoped nothing would be done to hinder the implementation of the bill.

After some conversation, and an alteration to meet Mr. Kewick's views, the bill passed through Committee, and was read a third time.

ADJOURNMENT.

His Excellency said he did not propose to proceed with the other items on the programme, as he had heard what would be the effect of the increase on the route upon Crown lands now paid in sterling. The Council would meet again on Wednesday next, at 3 o'clock.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Finance Committee met immediately after the Council meeting—the Colonial Secretary presiding. The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$1,224, in respect of additional salaries to the under-mentioned officers as from the 1st January, 1895, as sanctioned by the Secretary of State on the recommendation of the Retirement Committee:—The Colonial Veterinary Surgeon, \$800; The Steward of the Government Civil Hospital, \$120; Inspector General, \$120; The Head Bailiff, Supreme Court, \$204; The 2nd Bailiff, Supreme Court, \$280. The President explained that these recommendations were made in accordance with the report of the recent Retirement Committee.

Dr. Ho Kai called attention to the fact that the Sanitary Board had twice recommended Inspector General for an increase of \$240, as he effected a larger saving to the Colony by acting without an interpreter.

THE SANITARY BOARD.

The fortnightly meeting of the Sanitary Board was held this afternoon. Mr. F. H. May (Vice-President), Captain Superintendent of Police, presided; there were also present: Dr. Ayres, Colonial Surgeon; Dr. Hartigan, Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C.; Mr. R. K. Leigh, and Mr. H. McCallum, Secretary.

THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE.
The Colonial Secretary, who, informing the Board that the Colony proposed to dissolve the Permanent Board, but before taking this step Mr. H. McCallum desired the Board to state what arrangements would be made for carrying out the powers possessed by the Board to deal with epidemics in the event of the Permanent Committee being dissolved.

It appeared from a short discussion which ensued that the Board had no power to appoint Committees.

Dr. Ho Kai moved and Dr. Hartigan seconded a resolution to the effect that the Board could act in an emergency only through a Committee; that there is not at present any power vested in the Board to appoint this Committee, and that the Permanent Committee be not dissolved before power to appoint a Committee had been granted by the Government.

AGREED.

PUBLIC LATHES.
Mr. J. R. Gorman, Senior Inspector, gave a detailed report of the condition of public lathes throughout the Colony.

Appended was an extract from the report of Dr. Ayres and Dr. Lawson on the plague. Mr. McCallum wrote:—With regard to lathes these have not been put in a satisfactory condition since attention was called to them in a letter by Dr. Lawson, dated August 21, 1894, which pointed out the dangers of plague propagation through them.

As a new system cannot be inaugurated at once, the most stringent measures should be taken to see that they are carefully inspected and kept as clean as possible. At the present juncture an Inspector of Public Lathes should be appointed, and the Registrar General should be asked to see that there be done in a most conscientious manner and directions given as to the free use of disinfectants. Unless a system for the regulation of these lathes is inaugurated now there will be a breach in this most important matter when any difficulty arises. Several lathes should be closed at once as nuisances and injurious to health.

Dr. Hartigan wrote that where possible better ventilation and more numerous lathes should be provided.

Mr. Francis suggested that Mr. Ram should make an examination and full report on each.

Mr. R. K. Leigh was of opinion that the Government should at once provide sufficient and good latrine accommodation throughout the city, and Mr. Francis and Dr. Hartigan agreed with this suggestion.

Mr. A. G. Wise wanted to know what Mr. Leigh considered sufficient and good latrine accommodation. Did Mr. Francis and Mr. Leigh consider that no duty rested on owners of property to provide suitable accommodation for their tenants in connection with the buildings they erected?

It was agreed, on the motion of Mr. Francis, seconded by Dr. Hartigan, that Mr. E. A. Ram should be instructed to make an inspection of all public latrines in Hongkong as quickly as possible, and that he should report on the inspection.

RIVAL DISINFECTANTS.
A considerable number of letters were submitted to the Board relative to the use of Calvert's disinfecting fluid.

Mr. McConachie said:—Although I have not examined Calvert's disinfecting fluid, I am satisfied from information I have received that it is very similar in its nature to Jeyes's disinfecting fluid and equally suitable for ordinary use as a detergent-disinfectant, and to some extent disinfectant, in my mind it is, therefore, purely a question of price and certainly Calvert's preparation is by far the cheapest. When we next require a supply of so-called disinfecting fluid I recommend that Calvert's be obtained in lieu of Jeyes's, and I do this purely on the grounds of the relative prices of the two, and I am sure that the Government will be able to save a large sum of money.

Dr. Hartigan.—The first order was 1/30, 2/8; is 3d. a gallon too high for freight? At what price can Jeyes's be got in similar quantities from local agents?

Mr. Francis.—I see no objection to trying it.

Mr. Leigh.—Now that Jeyes's has a rival in the market, it would be well to find out the net prices at which we can obtain them both under similar conditions.

Mr. F. H. May.—I see sulphuric acid is recommended for disinfection of the hands. I have seen it used, and I am sure it is a very effective disinfectant. I am sure that the Government will be able to save a large sum of money.

ALICE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING.
A meeting of the Finance Committee was held in the Alice Memorial Hospital rooms this afternoon at 4 o'clock. The Hon. J. H. Stewart Lockhart was in the Chair.

The Minutes of a special meeting, held in November last and previously circulated among friends and subscribers, were taken as read.

The Hon. J. H. Stewart Lockhart was re-elected Chairman of the Finance Committee.

In acknowledging the tribute paid by Dr. Thomson to Mr. Lockhart's energetic and valuable services in connection with the hospital in past years, the Chairman took occasion to refer to the difficulty experienced year by year in securing a sufficient number of funds for carrying on the work. He expressed the strong opinion that the Chinese community, which is chiefly benefited by the existence of the two hospitals, should do more for their support. Among the Native residents of the Colony who are generally ready, when the object is a worthy one, to render it worthy assistance, he (the Chairman) would advocate the desirability of bringing the work and the needs of the hospital before them with a view to securing larger help from those from which the hospital patients are most largely drawn. Referring to Dr. Thomson, the Medical Superintendent, who has recently returned to resume his post in the hospital—the Chairman was of opinion that this tribute would be well received by all classes of subscribers and sympathisers, and that it would do more than anything else to ensure the success of the hospital. What efficient and diligent effort could accomplish would, he was sure, be brought about by Dr. Thomson. The Chairman considered that the community owed the hospitals a large debt of gratitude for services rendered in times of plague, and that the matron and other lady workers associated with her were specially distinguished by self-denying zeal and untiring devotion. The Treasurer's report was then passed, and the Superintendent laid the report of the past year's work on the table.

THE EVANGELISTIC WORK.

Daily exposition of Scripture is conducted in the room in connection with every consultation, and in each of the five wards there are morning and evening prayers, with similar Scripture reading and exposition, while conversational work is systematically carried on among such in-patients and out-patients as are willing to hear, or anxious to acquire the word of life more fully. Evangelistic effort and professional work proceed side by side in the Hospitals throughout the whole day, yet all is arranged that neither in any sense interferes with the other. The Evangelistic work is under the supervision and guidance of Rev. T. W. Pearce.

A donation of £1, from Miss Doctor, Kirrimuir, to the special fund for the purchase of tracts, books, and scriptures, is hereby acknowledged with thanks. The booklets are and are largely made use of by the patients.

THE 'BAKANTIAN' FUND.

Mrs. Stevens desires to acknowledge with thanks donations of money to her 'Bakantian' fund, as follows:—Mrs. Pearce, £1; Miss Wilson, £1; Mrs. Burton, £1; Miss Dano, \$1.5; Miss Davies, \$1.5; Miss Jones, \$1; and from proceeds of work sold, \$1; making a total of \$39.00, and also of large quantities of old linen from Mrs. Tucker, Hongkong, and from Mrs. Stevens has during the year been able to supply clothing to a number of the patients who seemed most in need of it; to furnish travelling expenses to poor folks who on leaving the hospital were unable to get to their homes; and to purchase fruit for some of the patients; and to otherwise help the more needy among our patients. Any who may feel disposed to aid in the work being done in this direction are invited to communicate with Mrs. Stevens, utilizing gifts of money, fruit, flowers, out-of-pocket expenses, &c., sent to her at either of the Hospitals.

In concluding this report, I should like to direct attention to the serious state of the fund which has been since considerably increased. This has resulted from the usual Chinese subscriptions having to a large extent failed to come in during 1894, owing doubtless to the state of tension that existed between the two great religions of the Hongkong community, and therefore necessitates a return to the former mode of collecting subscriptions among the foreign community, which until last year was done in April and May, and the donations list will be sent round in the usual manner. In view of the fact that the House Committee have since my return given carefully into every item of the Hospital expenditure with a view to retrenchment in our present straits, and have out of the surplus of the year's income of \$7,252.50 (including \$476.95 in donations), the balance from the last account was \$7.25, whereas the amount to be paid at account with the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank was \$105.95.

THE OUT-PATIENT DEPARTMENT.
In the Netherland Hospital, female out-patients only are seen twice a week, on Wednesday and Saturday at 10 a.m., by the Superintendent of the Hospital Surgeon. The number of cases seen was 122; making a total of 753.

The number of cases in the Alice Memorial Hospital has been—New cases, 6,670; Return visits, 6,935; making a total of 13,605.

In the Out-Patient Room, 'First come, first served' is the rule, and a number of ambulance boys handed to the patients on their entering, that no preference shall be given to either race or religion. Before the consultant for the day arrives, all new cases are registered provided with prescription papers, and on the arrival of the consultant officer on duty he is assisted by three students, who act as interpreter, clerk, and dresser respectively.

Having passed under due examination, the large majority of the patients either carry their papers to the Dispensary, where three students on duty, and where they receive all needed medicines, food, or charge of a small room for surgical purposes, or, if attending the consulting room, where they are attended to as their cases may demand. Such patients as have need of, and are suitable for, hospital treatment, may be sent to the Alice Memorial Hospital, or, if particularly day, may be passed directly to the Netherland Hospital, as may be desirable.

VACCINATION.
Vaccination is conducted in the Alice Memorial Hospital on the afternoons of Mondays and Thursdays by the House Surgeon, who is registered as a Public Vaccinator, assisted by the students. The number of vaccinations performed during 1894 has been 234.

DENTAL SURGERY.
Dental cases treated at the Alice Memorial Hospital on the afternoons of Thursdays and Saturdays by the House Surgeon, who is registered as a Public Vaccinator, assisted by the students. The number of vaccinations performed during 1894 has been 234.

THE PATIENT DEPARTMENT.
Admission to the wards is made through the out-patient consulting room, but in cases of accident, or cases of acute disease requiring urgent and immediate treatment, and to patients bearing notes of introduction from subscribers to the funds for the convenience of application to the wards, the doors of the hospitals are open at all hours of the day and night. No charge is made for medicines, clothing during residence, bedding, attendance, &c., and only a very small proportion of the patients are able to pay for their food, since our work is entirely among the poor. Unfortunately, our present lack of funds is making it necessary for us to be more stringent than formerly in the matter of requiring payment of food, and we fear that some are prevented from availing themselves of the benefits of the hospital who otherwise might. As the funds are so small, it is to be hoped that they will be kept up.

THE CHINA JAPAN WAR.

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SIR T. SUTHERLAND ON THE SHIPPING INDUSTRY.

Sir Thomas Sutherland, M.P., presided at the house dinner of the Shipping Exchange, and in responding to the toast of 'The Shipping Interest' said the burning question of the hour, so far as the shipowner was concerned, was that difficult one of the rule of the road and fog signals:—It was one of the unfortunate and neglected persons who ended by his signature the action of their delegates at the Washington Conference in favour of the rules then agreed to. He noted not only with the best professional advice which he could obtain in the circumstances, but also with a full consciousness that he represented, at all events, one of the largest undertakings of this country of a maritime character, which never insured sixpence of his fleet, and which had at sea, at every moment of the year, a fleet of the value of some millions sterling. But he was most sincerely glad that that important question was to be referred for investigation to a Select Committee of the House of Commons.

After condemning the advertisement law affecting the tonnage of old vessels, the act relating to the registration of ships, and the Employers' Liability Bill so far as it affected the shipping interest, he expressed his regret that legislation in regard to the great interest with which these present were concerned, was not debated by any high principle—by a desire to serve the public, and by the desire to obtain the greatest possible number of votes. Surely a great commerce like that of the shipping interest, in which the people of this country had invested, not less than £200,000,000, and which was the source of every commercial and industrial activity that it was possible for the State fairly to bestow. A day or two ago a question was asked by an hon. member whether the Post Office did not think it best to transfer, to a large extent, the conveyance of mail to the Canal and to the railway lines to German lines running from Southampton. A suggestion of that kind was eminently and undoubtedly one which was unparliamentary. (Hear, hear, and cheer.) The whole external commerce of France and Germany added together did not amount to more than this little country of our own, but so eager were France and Germany to create these fast vessels for so-called postal work that they paid at the present moment between them four times as much as the total amount of the subsidy or subsidy paid by Great Britain to the German Government. So far as his own company's interests were concerned, he ventured to think that in all probability they would be better off if they were not charged with an important public duty; but it was a great public question whether the postal communication between Great Britain and the Colonies and dependencies of the Empire was ever to be allowed to fall into the hands of foreigners for the sake of some petty savings. (Cheers.) He did not believe for a single moment that the people of Great Britain or the House of Commons would allow such a thing to take place; but this question was brought home to them more closely to-day because they had before them the object-lesson to which Mr. Baden-Powell had referred—the object-lesson of the vast importance to a country like this of holding the command of the sea. (Cheers.)

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.
Messrs. Clater and Vardon, in their share report for to-day's sale, say:—

The principal features in the market during the week under review have been the drop in Hongkong and Shanghai Banks and Canton Steamships; otherwise quotations remain more or less unchanged.

BANKS.—Hongkong and Shanghai.—Owing to a drop of 22 on the London market, shares have rapidly fell with little or no business to 172 per cent. prem. at which rate sellers ruled the market for a short time. Later on, however, the market rose to 175 per cent. at which figure a few changed hands. The market closes with sellers at 175. Nationals are now enquired for at 222 per share.

MARINE INSURANCES.—Unions have changed at 82 1/2 and a Client Union at 82 1/2. There are further sellers of the latter at this rate. North-Chinese are offering at 115; and Cantons at 110.

FIRE INSURANCES.—There are buyers in the market of Hongkong Firms at 112 1/2 and of Chinese at 85, but we have no sales to report.

REFINERIES.—Further sales of small lots of China Sugars at 127 are reported under this heading.

MISCELLANEOUS.—There was a good enquiry for Doeks, and the market rose to 100 per cent. prem. with sales, but a point was reached where the market fell to 95 per cent. Kowloon Lands have been done at 110. Hongkong Lands in small lots at 87 1/2, and good many Watercotes have found buyers at 110 and 107 1/2, closing firm with enquiries at the latter rate.

NEW Comic Song and Dance Albums, at W. Robinson and Company.

In a special article in the Standard on 'The State of the Cotton Trade,' a Manchester correspondent writes:—The periodical exportation of small quantities of cotton cloth proves only too clearly that the small men into whose hands the cotton trade has even a moderate living; and the ever-growing 'adverse balance' in the spinning section shows how consistently they are losing the money of the poor shareholders through bad speculations in the raw material, and the inability to dispose of their product at prices which leave a margin of profit, however small. Look where you will, and you will see that the small men are losing their money, and you will see that the small men are losing their money, and you will see that the small men are losing their money.

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